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10/453,526

10/681,156

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ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES, LTD., a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Japan, having an office at 6-9, Wakinohama-cho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0072, Japan, co-owns with Mitsunori MIKI, an individual residing at 2-8-1, Kizugawadai, Kizu-cho, Souraku-gun, Kyoto, Japan, the entire undivided right, title and interest in and to the following U.S. patent applications, by previous assignments:

U.S. Appl. No. 10/453,526, filed June 4, 2003;

U.S. Appl. No. 10/681,156, filed October 9, 2003; and

U.S. Appl. No. 10/122,318, filed April 16, 2002.

WHEREAS, SRI SPORTS LIMITED, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of Japan, having an office at 6-9, Wakinohama-cho 3-chome, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0072, Japan, is desirous of acquiring SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES, LTD.'s right, title and interest in and to the said application and the invention therein described and claimed and any Letters Patent that may be issued upon said application or for the improvements therein contained;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) lawful money of the United States and other valuable considerations, to me in hand paid, the receipt of and

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SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES, LTD., hereby represents and warrants that there are no rights or interests outstanding inconsistent with the rights and interests granted herein and that SUMITOMO RUBBER INDUSTRIES, LTD., will not execute any instrument

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